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SUBJ: GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18: SECOND DAY MEETING

1. SECOND AND FINAL MEETING OF GROUP OF 18 BEGAN WITH CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION ON GENERAL TRADE POLICY ISSUES. RENEWED DISCUSSIONS CHARACTERIZED BY STRONG LDC COMPLAINTS REGARDING INADEQUACY OF PRESENT PROVISIONS OF GATT TO DEAL WITH LDC PROBLEMS BOTH IN TERMS OF SHORT TERM IMPACT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION ON LDC TRADE AND LONGER TERM PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT. U.S. TOOK OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICATION OF GSP PRODUCT LIST AS PROOF OUR INTENTION WORK TO IMPROVE US-LDC TRADE RELATIONS.

2. CHAIRMAN LONG SUMMED-UP PORTION OF MEETING BY SUGGESTING GROUP OF 18 AT ITS NEXT MEETING COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS FOLLOWING THREE TOPICS:

(A) HOW TO IMPROVE GATT CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES;

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(B) HOW TO IMPROVE USE OF PART IV TO ASSIST LDCS;

(C) POTENTIAL ROLE OF GATT IN THE  
COMMODITY AREA.

NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO LONG'S SUMMATION AND  
SUGGESTIONS.

3. DISCUSSION OF BOP PROCEDURES REVEALED CONSENSUS  
THAT GATT IMF TIES SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN ORDER TO  
PERMIT BETTER COORDINATION OF TRADE AND MONETARY  
ASPECTS OF GATT AND IMF APPROACHES TO SPECIFIC  
COUNTRIES' BOP PROBLEMS. LDCS ARGUED FOR SPECIAL  
AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, E.G., EXEMPTION FROM  
RESTRICTIVE MEASURES TAKEN UNDER BOP PROCEDURES.  
SEVERAL COUNTRIES NOTED THAT GATT BOP PROCEDURES  
DID NOT ADEQUATELY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESTRICTIVE  
ACTIONS ON THE PART OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH PROVOKED  
BOP PROBLEMS.

4. DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT RESULTED IN AUTHORIZING  
GATT DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG TO RAISE QUESTION OF NEED  
TO IMPROVE GATT/IMF WITH HIS IMF COUNTERPARTS BEFORE  
JAMAICA IMF MEETING. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO  
RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AT ITS NEXT MEETING, TO  
DISCUSS RESULTS OF LONG'S CONTACT WITH IMF OFFICIALS  
AND TO REVIEW ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTS OR PAPERS WHICH  
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MIGHT WISH TO PRESENT ON THIS  
TOPIC, INCLUDING IMPROVING OPERATION OF GATT  
BOP COMMITTEE.

5. GROUP AGREED MEET AGAIN FEBRUARY 24-25.DALE

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